

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1400 - SB 1473

March 19, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates 11 assistant district attorney general positions, 10 secretarial positions, 4 victim-witness coordinator positions, and 5 criminal investigator positions. Requires the District Attorneys General Conference to complete a report with recommendations regarding the specific judicial districts in which such positions should be designated and file such report with the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate by October 1, 2019. Upon the filing of such report, authorizes the district attorneys general to interview and employ persons to fill such positions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,740,600/FY19-20
Exceeds \$2,136,700/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006198): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause. Creates 10 assistant district attorney general positions, one secretarial position, one training assistant position, 1 victim-witness coordinator position, and 1 criminal investigator position. Requires the District Attorneys General Conference to complete a report with recommendations regarding the specific judicial districts in which such positions should be designated and file such report with the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate by October 1, 2019. Upon the filing of such report, authorizes the district attorneys general to interview and employ persons to fill such positions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$873,600/FY19-20
Exceeds \$1,078,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will result in the addition of 10 assistant district attorney general positions, one secretarial position, one training assistant position, one victim-witness coordinator position, and one criminal investigator position.

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- The proposed legislation requires a report for the proposed placement of the 14 positions (10 ADAs + 1 secretary + 1 training assistant + 1 victim-witness coordinator + 1 criminal investigator) be filed by October 1, 2019. This analysis assumes the report will be filed and employees will be hired on October 1, 2019.
- Hiring individuals on October 1, 2019 will result in expenditures for approximately 75 percent of FY19-20; therefore, the estimated impact of this analysis represents 75 percent of FY19-20 and 100 percent of FY 20-21 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-201, § 8-7-226, and § 8-7-230, assistant district attorney generals receive step raises each year; therefore, this analysis estimates the impact of hiring such positions in FY19-20 and estimates the impact of any subsequent year to exceed the impact of FY19-20.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 relative to the 14 additional positions is \$64,400 for [(\$2,800 office furniture + \$1,800 computers) x 14].
- The total increase in state expenditures for FY19-20 is estimated to be \$873,571 {[((\$773,902 salary + \$220,392 benefits + \$41,900 travel + \$1,600 printing + \$7,600 communication + \$26,000 rentals + \$7,500 supplies) x 75%) + \$64,400]}.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY20-21 is estimated to exceed \$1,078,894 (\$773,902 salary + \$220,392 benefits + \$41,900 travel + \$1,600 printing + \$7,600 communication + \$26,000 rentals + \$7,500 supplies).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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